

Primary Healthcare Implementation Advisory Board

Minutes of the May 12, 2005 Regular Meeting

Members Present:

Mr. Art Jusko
Dr. Edwardo Williams
Ms. Sharon Roush
Mr. Parwez Alam
Comm. Ed DePuy
Dr. James Stockwell
Mr. Mark O'Bryant
Dr. Joseph Webster representing Dr. Edward Holifield
Mr. Art Cooper
Mrs. Kandy Hill
Mr. Steve McArthur
Mr. Brian Deslog

Members Requesting Excused Absence:

Dr. Eugene Trowers

Guests:

Mrs. Meg Beitler
Ms. Gail Milon
Kaleema Muhammed
Mr. J. R. Richards
Ms. Michelle Mabry

Staff Present:

Joe Sharp, Director Division of Health and Human Services
JD Howard, Human Services Analyst

Meeting came to order at 6:10 p.m., with Vice Chairman Jusko, presiding.

Chairman Jusko opened the board meeting with the County Attorney's Advisory regarding the Florida Sunshine Statutes. Next, Mr. Jusko resigned his role as Chairman of the PHAB Board and opened the floor for nominations. Ms. Sharon Roush nominated Dr. Edwardo Williams. Since there were no other nominations, Mr. Cooper moved that the Members move that the approval be made by acclamation. Mr. Sharp then introduced the new representative from the BOCC, Comm. Ed DePuy. Mr. Brian Desloge was introduced as a new member of the PHAB Board and introduced as the new intern for Leon County Health and Human Services Division was Mr. Jamaar Brundage.

Issue I: Consideration of Minutes from March 24, 2005 Regular

Discussion: Mr. Howard introduced the minutes to the May 12, 2005. He stated the minutes had been previously sent to each PHAB Board member for review and asked if there were any questions or comments. There were no questions or comments.

Action: A motion was made to approve of the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 12 - 0.

Issue II: Monthly Operations Report

Discussion: Mr. Howard introduced patient service information to the PHAB Board as reported by Bond Community Health Center, Neighborhood Health Services and WeCare Network for the month of January and February 2004. The Board was asked to review the information and to ask any question they may have. There were no questions.

Action: Board action not required.

Issue III: Discussion of April 12, 2005 BOCC's Workshop on Women's Health Services

Mr. Sharp informed the PHAB Board of the actions taken at the April 12 BOCC's Workshop on Women's Health Services. He stated the actions taken by the BOCC were to approve a substitute motion that directed staff to prepare the FY 05/06 budget to include an Uninsured Healthcare MSTU millage rate of 0.12 mills and requested that the Primary Healthcare Implementation Advisory Board review, analyze and provide recommendations to the Board to how to spend the existing MSTU fund balance of approximately \$1 million.

A motion was made by Mr. Jusko to request a recommendation from the CareNet group regarding the spending of the existing MSTU fund balance. Mr. McArthur seconded the motion including that the agencies should recognize that the funding is non-recurring.

Comments regarding the motion:

- Mr. Jusko wanted to everyone to understand that the mortality of infants is an important issue.
- Mr. O'Bryant agreed that the group should seek the input from the CareNet group and PHAB should look at providing a facilitator.
- Ms. Roush suggested Karen Moore and stated she would be will to assist with funding the facilitator.
- Comm. DePuy indicated the CareNet group should not make an attempt to spend the money in one year but should look at spending the money over consecutive years and include issues regarding infant mortality.
- Ms. Roush suggested the PHAB Board establish guidelines and parameters for the CareNet group to adhere to.
- Dr. Joseph Webster summarized the discussion that had taken place and brought forward discussion of an earlier recommendation for the funds to be utilized for women's health services.
- Comm. DePuy addressed Dr. Webster's comments by acknowledging the report provided by MGT and suggested the CareNet considers the model in the report to

provide an OBGYN and pediatrics in Leon County for approximately \$300,000 per year to address the issue at Bond CHC. He went on the state that he wanted the CareNet group to consider spreading the services over a period of time and not utilize all the funds within one year.

A request was made by the Chairman to open up the issue to the citizens for comments. Mr. OC Allen introduced the issue of trauma and the use of the \$1 million on the development of a trauma center in Tallahassee.

Discussion:

- Mr. Sharp informed the PHAB Board the executive summary of the study had been sent to all members prior to the meeting and was included in the agenda packets.

Action: The Chairman addressed the motion previously made for the CareNet group to make a recommendation regarding the spending of the existing MSTU fund balance. The question was called and seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 12 - 0.

Comments regarding the parameters for the CareNet group recommendations:

- Ms. Roush restated the CareNet group should have a facilitator and Karen Moore was recommended.
- Mr. Sharp was asked could he facilitate the meeting. He suggested it would be better for an outside facilitator to preside over the meetings since he was staff to the PHAB Board. The outside facilitator would prevent any conflict of interest issues.
- A time frame of 60 days was suggested by Mr. O'Bryant and was approved by the PHAB Board.

Issue IV: Discussion of April 26, 2005 BOCC's Workshop on Sales Tax Funding for Primary Healthcare Program

Mr. Sharp presented the PHAB Board with the actions taken at the April 26, 2005 workshop. He stated the BOCC directed the PHAB Board to review the ½ cent sales tax as a funding source to replace the existing MSTU; In reviewing the ½ cent sales tax, to consider what other County's sales tax levies are and to review the possible economic impacts of moving the sales tax rate from 7.5% to 8%; To consider all service delivery models; and, to review the overall need of the existing program.

Discussion:

- The comments were restated by the Chairman as the charge of the PHAB Board is to 1) Develop a comprehensive model for health care and 2) evaluate all funding sources to deliver the services.

Mr. McArthur informed the Chairman the Access committee continues to work on the comprehensive model for the community. Additionally, the PHAB Board members was informed that a developmental service model will be distributed for review of all PHAB Board members and community person for their input pertaining to the comprehensive service model.

Mr. McArthur continued to inform the Chairman that a 'White Paper' was being established which would provide insight into the healthcare needs of the community and recommendations on how those needs should be addressed. He went on to state the 'White Paper' will be provided to everyone, including community persons, for review and comments.

Comments:

- Mr. Alam indicated the PHAB Board needs to look at their timetable for providing this information if it is the intent of the group to look at funding these services within the next Fiscal Year.
- Dr. Webster asked was the sub-committee open for new membership?
- Chairman Williams stated it would be good to get all healthcare providers input into the comprehensive plan.
- Mr. Sharp informed the PHAB Board a number of communities across the country, with populations similar to Leon County, has done within their healthcare arena.
- Dr. Webster commented on the cultural make-up of the Access committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Jusko to add Dr. Webster to the Access to Healthcare Committee. The motion was seconded and approved by a 11 - 0 vote.

Dr. Williams requested the Access committee to provide a timeline for the work being done by the Access group.

Issue V: Discussion of Neighborhood Health Services Proposal

Mr. Howard informed the PHAB Board that the agenda item was a carry-over from the previous PHAB Board meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Roush to submit the proposal to the CareNet group for consideration in their funding proposal. The motion was seconded and approved by a 12 - 0 vote.

Issue VI: Citizens To Be Heard

Mr. Howard informed the PHAB Board that information was included in their packet submitted by Robin McDougal regarding the suspension of acceptance of new patients into the WeCare Network of volunteer physicians. Mr. Sharp read the comments aloud.

Discussion:

- Ms. Roush asked how this affects the funding of the organization.
- Mr. Sharp responded by informing the group that it would have to be reviewed.
- Ms. Roush indicated a concern with the current method of funding and reiterated the current funding process needs to be reviewed.

There being no other business, upon motion duly seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 P. M.